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A CASE OF MURDEROUS ABORTION.

A WOMAN KILLED IN THE OPEN STREET.
THE FEMALE FELON AND HER REPUTED SON.

LOVE AND SEDUCTION.
THE MIDNIGHT CARRIAGE.

A CROWDED FUNERAL.

Another of those mysterious deaths, by abortion, that so disfigure our criminal annals, transpired at Lansingburg, N. Y., on the 28th ult.; but this time surrounded by circumstances that invest the drama with peculiar atrocity. The first partial statement of the facts, sent a chill of horror through the several communities of Rensselaer county, the theatre of the barbarous outrage; and as the curtain lifted and the real outlines of the felony became more distinctly perceptible, its harsh and savage features, instead of being relieved of their forbidding expressions, were only made to look with more fearful impressiveness. The original clue to the crime was first strangely hit upon. That initial disclosure was made about 8 o'clock on the evening of the 28th ult. At that hour on the evening foretold, a gentleman named Johnson, while walking along the street in Lansingburg village, had his attention attracted by growing noises proceeding from a passing carriage. Sergeant King, of the Metropolitan police, was at once notified by Mr. Bulson of the strange incident, and at once gave chase to the carriage, the empty seat of which had by this time discovered the pursuer, and turning into a dark street, made his escape, only after having thrown the body of a dying girl from the carriage upon the highway. Upon tracing his steps the police sergeant discovered the body of the girl dead by the street side. A little further on, a considerable bundle of clothing for female use was found, consisting of a jockey hat, skirt, underclothing and a handkerchief, marked "Carrie." There was no doubt from the context, that the girl was thrown from the carriage, as already stated, and thus met her death, though it was apparent she could have lived but a very short time any way. The remains were at once removed to the station-house, where they were laid out for identification. Soon after the occurrence two relatives of Miss Annis, of Cohoes, appeared and seemed to identify the body as that of a relative of theirs by that name, though there was a want of positiveness in the identification. It was subsequently ascertained that Miss Annis was at home, alive and well.

The remains were finally ascertained to be those of a well known woman named Carrie Hubbard, a beautiful creature, formerly residing at Pittsford, in Rensselaer county, which place she left some time since for Lansingburg, where she had lived for several months past. Chief Detective Lemuel Hurlburt was promptly despatched to unravel the antecedents of this last unfortunate. She could not have been more than nineteen years of age, and was about five feet in height, with a florid complexion and auburn hair. A post mortem examination revealed unmistakably the fact, that Miss Hubbard was, previous to her being thrown from the carriage, the victim of a most rough and unceremonious attempt at abortion, and when it was ascertained that she was beyond hope of recovery, and must die in a very short space of time, she was violently thrown upon the street to the end that the detection of the living might be avoided. A coroner's jury was empanelled on the morning following the discovery, (29th,) before which appeared a sister of the deceased, who had not seen her since last November, when she was employed in dress-making.

Two other witnesses were examined who testified that they saw the deceased ten minutes before she died, near Mr. Tracy's ice house, a man holding her hand and remarking that he could do nothing for her, after which the stranger, with his victim, entered a carriage and drove away very rapidly. The doctors testified that the post-mortem disclosed a dreadfully diseased womb and ovaries accompanied with the plainest evidences of abortion,



portions of the abortion still clinging to the uterus. A Pittsford woman testified that she had employed the deceased, but discharged her on the ground that she was not strong enough to do the work. She regarded her as of good character and never knew of her keeping male company. At this stage of the investigation, a man named Burt Gardner, living at the house of the last witness, Miss Kate G. Groat, and who left there about the same time the deceased died, was suspected of being implicated in the barbarism, and was sent for, with a view of being subjected to an examination. But suspicion subsequently released his hold on Gardner, and fastened on John Henry, an alleged paramour of Mrs. Wager, the woman now charged, with committing the abortion on the person of the murdered Miss Hubbard. This John Henry, who is now known to have been the wretch who threw Miss Hubbard from the carriage, was forthwith arrested, as was also a young man known as Christopher O'Connell Williams, the alleged seducer of the girl. This

ENTERTAINING SPECULATOR. In the course of the investigation he was placed upon the stand, and testified that he was a resident of Pittsford and had been intimately acquainted with the murdered Carrie Hubbard, who having lived at his father's house, which she left in July last. He had met her frequently since in Troy, at the house of Mrs. Pamela Wager, the alleged abortionist in Harrison Place. The interviews with Mrs. Wager, as usual, under such circumstances, were strictly private and confidential. Williams being advised that he was bound to break this illicit confidence, stated that he had seen Miss Hubbard at Mrs. Wager's about eight weeks since, that being the first time and place he had met her since she left his father's house, and had seen her four or five times since at the same place. At this investigation, Williams professed not to know whether the deceased was a servant or a boarder at Mrs. Wager's. He further admitted that upon first calling at Mrs. Wager's he inquired for Caroline Hubbard, and that at no one of the several interviews he sought and obtained, did he hear that she was "either sick or anything was the matter with her."

During the examination the witness was hesitating and inclined to be contradictory, and twice declined to answer direct questions, but finally yielded.

Pending an adjournment of the case at this stage of the investigation, Williams was committed to jail. Meanwhile, additional evidence was unearthed, shedding its dismal light over the somber tragedy. The man heretofore referred to as John Henry, and known to others as John Henry Wager, was taken into custody by Sergeant King. He is said to be a son of Mrs. Wager, but in regard to this there are contradictory statements. On being taken under the shadow of the law's majesty, this wretch was forced into a confession, that he was the companion of Miss Hubbard in the carriage at the time of her death on the streets of Lansingburg, and that he alone was instrumental in her violent ejection into the street. Thus we have clearly defined, as well as safely secured, one of the infamous men. In this deed of blood, but the detection and arrest of the others followed swiftly after. The infamous female abortionist, Mrs. Pamela Wager, who fled from her Troy home on the discovery of her alleged connection with the crime, was brought back to Troy from the home of her brother, at Kinderhook, Columbia county, at noon, on the 30th ult. Chief Detective Hurlburt and Sergeant King acting as her escort. Upon her arrival at the jail and delivery to Sheriff Cornell, she appeared to exhibit a vast deal of contrition, and finally went off in a swoon, after a considerable and prolonged scene. She was placed in the same cell wherein Henrietta Robinson, the famed victim of the same crime, resided previous to her conviction and incarceration in Sing Sing.

Subsequently Mrs. Wager developed numerous composites, and eventually quoted down into a thoughtful appreciation of her truly deplorable condition, giving every evidence of her repentance. She stated that she had been the victim of the unfortunate victim of this appalling tragedy, took place at Lansingburg on the very forenoon of the day, when Mrs. Wager was returned to Troy, and was largely attended. Hundreds of women belonging to all classes turned out to witness the parade along the streets of the melancholy cortege. The remains of the dead were exposed to view, and rarely has a more beautiful corpse been looked upon. The eyes were open and intelligent, while a beautiful smile seemed to play around the mouth, which added to the well known angelic features, presented a mournful and touching scene. The intonations of the clergy were impressively solemn, and all the surroundings of the last sad rites were and indeed. The girl's afflicted mother was absolutely stricken down with grief.

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION. The excitement gathering around the remains of this unfortunate woman ran high, and in the tumult, pointed charges were made against a past and present district attorney for Rensselaer county, in connection with Mrs. Wager. These charges awakened a response from the accused officials, and Mr. John H. Colby and Mr. Robert A. Lottbridge, the former an ex-district attorney and the latter holding that office at the present time, have published a joint card, stating that after a perusal of an article in a morning paper charging official corruption against the prosecuting officers of Rensselaer county in relation to the disposition of indictments previously found against Mrs. Wager, "justice to ourselves compels us to say that no indictments were ever found against Mrs. Wager, nor were any such indictment or indictments upon the records of the criminal courts in this county during the term of either of us as prosecuting officers of this county. We make this statement from no desire to screen or shield Mrs. Wager from punishment for any offense she may have been implicated in, but because, after the editorial in this morning's *IFG*, we should do ourselves great injustice to allow such charges to remain uncontradicted so far as we are concerned."

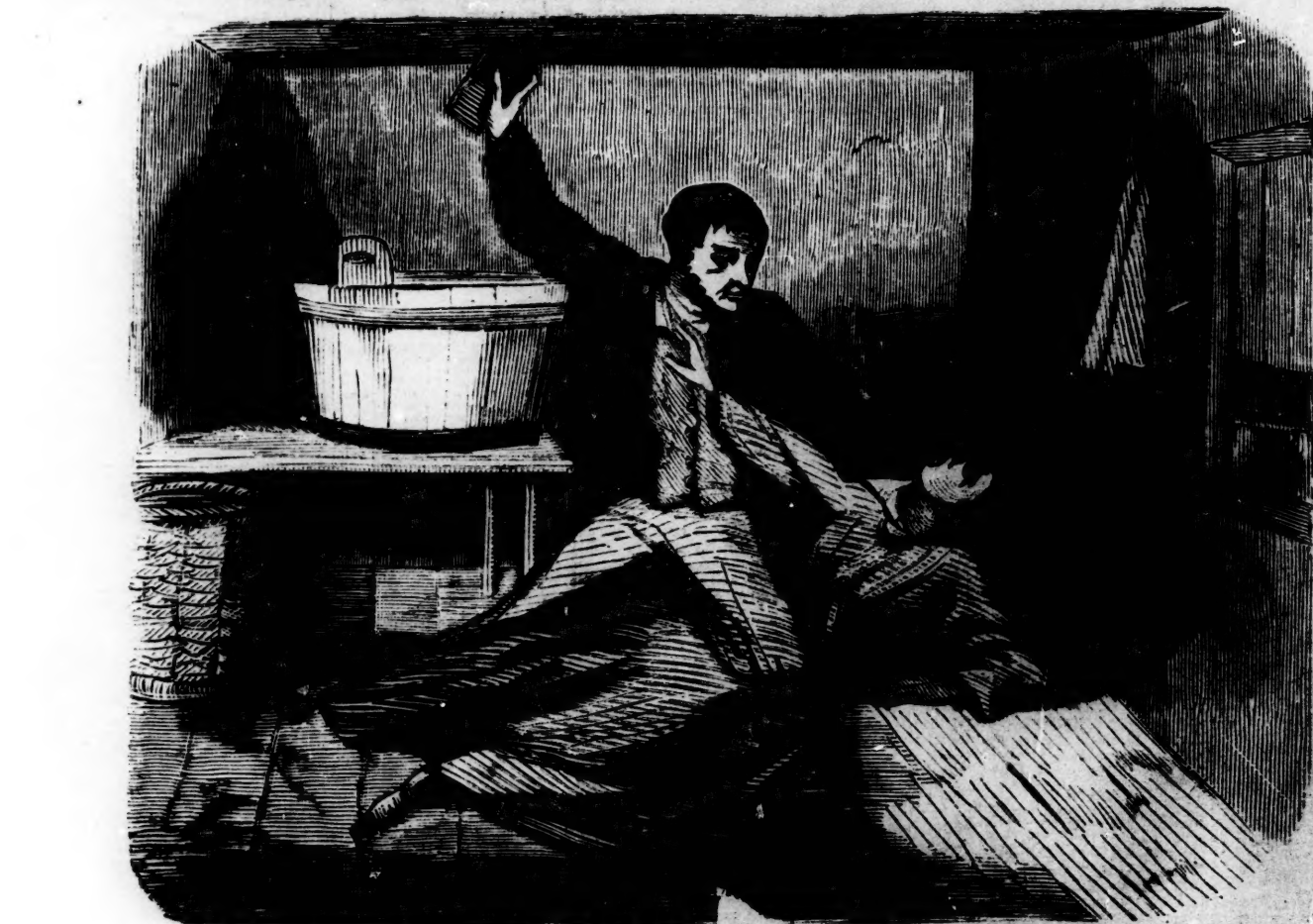
It is currently believed, however, that indictments



Crispino Cadena, Murdering His Wife at his Residence, 16 East Eleventh street, N. Y.



Policeman McKeever Shooting a Highwayman in Mulberry street, N. Y.



McLaughlin Beating His Aunt on the Head with a Brick, at Brooklyn, N. Y.



David Rogers Killing Susan Reynolds at Rock Island, Ill.

